

**DHS Component Actions**  
**Hurricane IRMA – Straits of Florida**  
0600 ET, 10 Sep 2017

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**Overview**

As of 0500 ET, Hurricane Irma was located approximately 60 miles southeast of Key West, FL, moving northwest at 6 mph. Maximum sustained winds are near 130 mph with higher gusts. Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 70 miles from the center, and tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 205 miles. The eye is forecast to be near the Florida Keys Sunday afternoon. There is an enhanced risk of Severe Thunderstorms and a High Risk of Flash Flooding across FL.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

- NRCC Level I.
- National IMAT-East 1 deployed to GA EOC.
- National IMAT-East 2 deployed to FL EOC.
- At request of FEMA Region IV, 12 type 1 US&R task forces and three Hazardous Materials Equipment Push Packages were activated to stage in either FL or GA.
- 1,299 US&R personnel deployed or preparing to deploy in support of IRMA response and recovery.
- Surge staffing continues for FEMA Strategic Workforce Augmentation Team for taking calls from three National Processing Service Centers, FEMA pop-ups, Headquarters, Regions, and from home; 3,365 call center agents are expected to be online today.
- Mobile Emergency Response Support and Mobile Communications Operations Vehicles are deployed in support of multiple IMATs, US&R missions, National Disaster Medical System, and Incident Support Bases (ISBs).
- Increasing commodity capacity at multiple ISBs (Maxwell AFB, AL; Ft Bragg, NC; Fort A.P. Hill, VA; Groveland, FL); expect Maxwell AFB ISB to have 7.9 million meals and 10.2 million liters of water by 10 Sep.
- Coordinating movement of life sustaining commodities in PR and USVI.
- Regional Risk Analyst/Hurricane Liaison Team (HLT) is active at National Hurricane Center.

**Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**

- CBP Impacted Personnel Accountability:
  - As of 2000 ET 10 Sep, all CBP personnel are accounted for
    - Caribbean (Bahamas): 44 out of 60 personnel evacuated
    - United States Virgin Islands (USVI): 121 out of 121 accounted; 6 evacuated.
    - Puerto Rico: 676 out of 676 accounted; 4 evacuated.
    - CBP Florida: 297 personnel evacuated.
- Impact to CBP Operations:

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- Caribbean (Bahamas, Jamaica, Dominican Republic): No impacts to operations
- United States Virgin Islands (USVI):
  - Office of Field Operations, St. Croix; no impact to operations and St. John/St. Thomas reports damage to facilities, runway is only open to military aircraft.
  - Air Marine Operations is assisting with impact assessments.
- Puerto Rico:
  - Office of Field Operations, San Juan Ports/Field Office, no impact to operations. Currently running on generators.
  - Border Patrol, Ramey Sector, no impact to operations.
  - Air Marine Operations, Caribbean Air & Marine Operations Center; no impact to operations.
- CBP Florida:
  - CBP Office of Field Operations airport locations are ceasing operations in preparation for the oncoming storm.
  - Air Marine Operations National Air Security Operations Center-Jacksonville facility is open to employees/families for shelter during and after hurricane. All other locations completed securing assets and ceased operations.
- CBP Southeast Atlantic:
  - Port of Savannah & Brunswick ceased operations.
  - The Savannah laboratory ceased operations.
- CBP Region IV:
  - Cruise ships with scheduled arrivals into affected areas or potentially affected areas will either stay out to sea or divert to another port.
  - The Port of Tampa is currently the only port accepting fuel vessels in the state.
- CBP Preparations
  - CBP Florida:
    - Office of Field Operations: Essential recovery personnel and equipment has been prepared and staged. Ports have activated hurricane plans: Port Recovery Teams have helped secured some homes and they will be ready to assist with recovery as soon as it is safe to do so after the storm.
    - Office of Border Patrol Miami Sector: Vehicles and facilities have been secured and are prepared for the approaching storm.
    - Air Marine Operations: Aircraft and Vessels have been secured and/or relocated.
- Response/Recovery Missions
  - As of 1530 hours, 9 Sep the Caribbean Air & Marine Branch conducted 24 air Missions which included 6 rescue missions, 15 logistical Missions, and 3 other missions.
  - Currently three people have been rescued by CBP.

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- CBP Region IV has staged Disaster Assistance Response Team members and multiple land and water based assets to support Hurricane IRMA response efforts. In addition, all available CBP Region IV assets have been redirected to support response efforts.

#### **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**

- Number of Evacuees: 361 (+49)
- HSI Tactical Communications (TACCOM) has two Mobile Command Centers (MCC) and one communications van staged in Pensacola, FL. The vehicles and TACCOM personnel will be able to deploy to the affected areas as needed once the storm passes/or we deem it safe to travel in the MCCs. A third ICE/HSI MCC is available from Houston, TX if needed.
- Emergency Management Unit / Medical Countermeasures (MCM) located in Field Office Director-Miami – Krome Detention Center remains in place. There is a generator on standby if electricity is lost.
- ICE MCM located in Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Tampa remains in place. If power is lost, a team will be designated to enter the facility when it is safe to do so, and move the MCM via a government vehicle to SAC Atlanta.

#### **HSI Offices:**

- HSI Miami
  - 11 employees under mandatory evacuations, 25 employees evacuated voluntarily
  - HSI Rapid Response Team (RRT) from NCR will stage at HSI Jacksonville on 9 Sep
  - RRT Houston, Dallas and New Orleans will stage at Hurlburt Air Force Base near Pensacola, FL
- HSI Atlanta AOR:
  - Savannah, GA
    - Mandatory evacuation has been ordered for all areas east of I-95, all of Chatham County, where Savannah is located, and some areas west of I-95 that could be impacted by the potential storm surge from Irma. Mandatory evacuation began on 9 Sep.
    - Nine employees affected by mandatory evacuation.
  - Charleston, SC
    - Personnel are monitoring path of the storm and will advise of evacuation procedures if necessary.
    - Two employees (not under the mandatory order) have chosen to evacuate.
  - Atlanta, GA
    - Leadership continues to monitor the expected path of Hurricane Irma and will work with affected sub-offices on evacuation plans and damage mitigation.
  - Columbia, SC
    - Personnel will continue to monitor the path of the storm and will advise of evacuation procedures if necessary.

- Dalton
  - Expected to experience high winds, rain and tropical storm conditions beginning 11 Sep and continuing through 12 Sep.
- Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR)
  - All OPR employees are accounted for.
  - OPR offices are closed in San Juan, PR; Plantation, FL; Tampa, FL; Orlando, FL (through 12 Sep); Glynco, GA (through 15 Sep); FLETC, and Brunswick, GA.
  - OPR Atlanta is operational.
- Office of the Principal Legal Advisor
  - OCC offices in San Juan, Miami, and Orlando remain closed
  - All employees are accounted for in San Juan
  - Numerous Miami employees are in mandatory evacuation zones and are evacuating.
- Office of the Chief Information Officer
  - 30 out of 40 OCIO staff in PR, USVI, FL, GA, and SC are accounted for (10 are working from normal worksite, 20 are sheltering in place, and 10 are no response). Follow ups on no responses will be conducted on 10 Sep.
- Management & Administration
  - All employees in PR, FL, GA, and SC are accounted for,
- Office of Human Capital
  - All four OHC employees in FL and SC are accounted for.

#### Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

- Personnel accountability in the Caribbean area of operations is reported at 99%.
- St. Thomas (STT) TSA reports 92 of 94 employees have been accounted for.
- Accountability numbers will continue to be monitored as storm impacts additional airports.
- St. Thomas (STT): TSA offices sustained major damage; screening equipment has yet to be verified.
- Saint Thomas (STT) airport is closed. There is heavy debris on the runway which FEMA is attempting to clear. The Airport generator is operational. Heavy damage to the terminal and surrounding infrastructure; tower is in good shape with the exception of some water intrusion to the equipment room; no estimation as to how long it will take to open the tower/airport.
- An assessment team will arrive in San Juan Airport (SJU) on 11 Sep to meet with local leadership, CBP, and FEMA to develop an assessment plan. St. Thomas assessment will begin on 12 Sep to in conjunction with CBP and FEMA.
- Initial damage assessment from San Juan Airport (SJU) Federal Security Director:
  - No fence line
  - Most structures missing their roof
  - No water, electric, or cell coverage
  - Runway looked OK
  - Fuel farm tanks looked OK
- St. Croix (STX): open for emergency flights.

- Rafael Hernandez (BQN): open with reduced capacity.
- Airports throughout FL and GA implementing closure plans. Reopenings expected to commence 11 Sep.
- 370 (+90) screening personnel are being pre-positioned around the country for deployment to impacted airports. 93 personnel arrived at O'Hare International Airport (ORD) on 9 Sep; 132 scheduled to arrive at ORD 10 Sep. Destination flexible based on storm track.
- TSA OIT activated the hotspot capability for all TSA iPhones provisioned in Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Florida, and Georgia; Prepared to activate capability for South Carolina if necessary.
- A four person FAMS Critical Incident Response Program (CIRP) team from Detroit Field Office will report to SJU on 11 Sep. Teams from Boston (2), Minneapolis (4), and Chicago (4) are on standby.
- Emergency Communication Mobile Response Vehicles (MRV) are prepared to deploy from Moline, IL; three others on alert.
- On 9 Sep, Visual Intermodal Protection and Response VIPR teams from Washington Field Office and San Francisco Office will travel to Tallahassee (TLH), FL to provide support for the Federal Air Marshals Miami field office AOR.

#### **U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)**

- CONUS Locations – Field Operations (FOD):
  - District 8: Reporting 100% employee accountability.
  - District 9: 348 (-1) of 363 accounted for post local evacuation orders.
  - District 10: 314 (+2) of 315 accounted for post local evacuation orders.
- OCONUS Locations FOD:
  - SAJ - Puerto Rico Field Office – Post Storm 20 (-2) of 24.
  - 10 (-7) employees reported without power.
  - 4 (-2) employees reported without water.
  - Initial reports on the office report no damage.
- Virgin Islands – Post Storm corrected numbers of staff on the Islands is 15 employees and 2 contract staff.
  - 11 (+5) of 15 FTE accounted for.
  - 1 (+1) of 2 Contract Staff accounted for.
  - Significant local damage reported, especially on St. Thomas.
- CONUS Locations – Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations (RAIO).
  - Miami Asylum Office – 111 of the 120 employees checked in today after local evacuation orders. 12 of 13 TDY personnel returned to home station, 1 pending return.
- OCONUS Locations RAIO: Chief of Mission has issued orders to employees to Shelter-in-Place, if not evacuated.
  - Havana – 2, sheltering in place pending storm passage.
  - Santo Domingo – 2, offices to open 11 Sep

- Port-au-Prince – 2, offices to open 11 Sep.
- San Juan and USVI offices remain closed pending post storm evaluation
- Florida offices preparing for the storm as per the Hurricane OPLAN. Florida Direct 9 and 10 offices are closed through 11 Sep.
- Miami asylum office is closed through 11 Sep.

#### **U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)**

- Accountability of Coast Guard Personnel is at 99.89%.
- 1,295 (does not include cutter crews) USCG personnel are responding to Irma.
- Ports Closed: Tampa, Port Manatee, Key West, Port Canaveral, Miami, Port Everglades, Jacksonville, and Savannah.
- Ports open with Restrictions: Charleston, San Juan, St. Thomas, St. Croix.
- Hurricane Condition I set for Sector Key West, Sector Miami, Air Station Miami, Tactical Law Enforcement Team (TACLET)-South, Marine Safety and Security Team-91104, SOUTHCOM, Sector St. Petersburg, Air Station Clearwater, Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron (HITRON) Jacksonville, and Sector Jacksonville.
- Hurricane Condition II set for Maritime Force Protection Unit (MFPU) Kings Bay, Sector Charleston, Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Savannah, Air Station Savannah, and Air Facility Charleston.
- HURCON Condition IV set for Sector San Juan and Air Station Borinquen.
- Sector San Juan investigating feasibility for cruise ship to evacuate stranded vacationers from St. Thomas; blanket permission granted to conduct over flights of Bahamas; 02 lives saved in D7 AOR.
- SEC Miami, St. Petersburg & Key West command centers executed COOP to Martinsburg.
- SEC Key West IMT COOP to Orlando Marriott, SEC St. Pete COOP to Manatee Technical College, SEC Miami IMT COOP to AIRSTA Miami.
- Sector San Juan conducting post storm assessment and reconstitution plans.
- Sector San Juan conducting port assessments in Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, and St. Croix
- USCG Air Station Savannah is Partially Mission Capable and USCG Air Facility Charleston non-mission capable due to Hurricane HARVEY support. USCG Station San Juan is non-mission capable.

#### **U.S. Secret Service (USSS)**

- On 8 Sep the USSS issued a Personnel Evacuation Order for the states of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Field Offices within this area are authorized to evacuate their duty station(s) and take appropriate precautions to safeguard personnel and equipment, as practicable.
- Charlotte Field Office FO (CLT):
  - All employees are accounted for. CLT will stay in contact via robust state police communication system that provides Nextel like radio service across the state.
  - District wide check-in will commence at 0900 ET on Sunday, 10 Sep and continue twice daily (0900 and 1700) until storm passes.

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- Currently no negative storm effects and no displaced personnel.
- Continuous liaison established with NC State Emergency Operations Center and DHS Protective Security Advisors (PSA).
- All COOP documents reviewed and relocation site (Greenville RO) on standby.
- All NC offices closed on 9 Sep.
- Columbia FO (CSC):
  - Guidance has been sent to the Charleston RO personnel. The Columbia FO has been identified to shelter personnel from Charleston if there is an evacuation.
- Jacksonville FO (JAX) / Tallahassee RO (TAL):
  - JAX and TAL have closed as of 8 Sep.
  - All JAX FO personnel are accounted for.
  - No damage to personnel or property
- Miami FO (MIA):
  - Approximately 25 employees are evacuating South Florida.
  - All personnel are accounted for as of 18 Sep. The Miami Field Office is open as a shelter.
- Orlando FO (ORL):
  - Office closed on 8 Sep.
  - Liaison established with Orlando Police Department EOC Coordinator.
  - Employees reminded of COOP Plan location of alternate work site (local DHS/ICE field office)
  - The Orlando FO is located in a private office building. The building is not hurricane rated, and any decision regarding opening/closing of the building will be made by building management based on rain/wind/environmental conditions.
- Savannah FO (SAV):
  - SAV closed on 8 Sep.
  - Currently, all SAV employees will shelter in place except for two employees and their families who are voluntarily relocating to the Georgia interior.
  - Reviewed and updated our COOP.
- Tampa FO (TPA):
  - TPA and Fort Myers RO (FTM) closed on 8 Sep.
  - All personnel were accounted for.
  - The COOP plan has been reviewed and is up to date.
  - Liaison has been made with Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and the Tampa PD. USSS personnel will have access to the Tampa Emergency Operations Center.
  - Liaison has been made with local GSA management to ensure access to the building in case of building closure. No building closure is anticipated at this time.
  - The Special Agent in Charge will remain in district for the duration of the storm event.
- Miscellaneous:
  - San Juan office has reopened.

**National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD)**

- NCCIC:
  - FEMA Mission assignments for three personnel to the Region IV RRCC and one

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- person to the Region II RRCC.
- Office of Cybersecurity and Communications (CS&C) Pensacola, FL facility is working with Navy personnel in Corry Station to maintain situational awareness and develop courses of action should the area be impacted.
  - NCCIC and NSD leadership in Pensacola are also working with the NCR counterparts to develop courses of action should they need to move program operations out of Florida temporarily.
  - Infrastructure Protection (IP) / Protective Security Coordination Division
    - PSAs and Chemical Security Inspectors (CSIs) in Puerto Rico are accounted for.
    - PSAs Orlando and New York are manning 12-hour shifts for 24-coverage at the FEMA RII Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) with PSA NJ assisting.
    - A CSI is covering the 24-hour RRCC shift for the Infrastructure Security Compliance Division.
  - Federal Protective Service (FPS)
    - Inspectors in Puerto Rico have been checking the status of FPS facilities as roads & conditions allow.
    - AC Lassen in conjunction with GSA personnel will attempt travel from Puerto Rico to St. Thomas via DEA Aircraft.
    - Team is standing by to depart to the USVI & Puerto Rico as soon as safe & reliable transportation, facilities and other logistics can be secured.
    - Seven Inspectors, one K-9, one Special Agent, one Area Commander, four Support personnel, three Dispatchers, the Mobile Communications Vehicle and SUV, are currently en-route to Orlando.
    - FPS personnel in Florida have completed Phase I of the Regional Operation Plan, taking care of their families, removing them from harm's way.
    - One LEO in the mandatory evacuation zone is relocating, location TBD; and one Contract Employee is relocating to a hotel in Atlanta.
  - Office of Biometric Identity Management (OBIM)
    - OBIM will continue to monitor the storm and transfer IDENT operations to the safest Data Center, if necessary. The loss of one Data Center would create a long term effect on some DHS and partner agency operations, with remaining matching capacity devoted to border entry and law enforcement activities during the day; catching up on national security, immigration, visa, and credentialing queries overnight. Biometric Support Center West in San Diego is scheduled to perform all manual verifications for the weekend and can extend that coverage if Biometric Center East (Rosslyn, VA) becomes unavailable. National Capital Region staff are advised to prepare for situational telework.

**Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO)**

- All Mobile Detection Deployment Units (MDDU) are available to support operations as required.
- DNDO is standing by to support any CBP system replacement or repair needs, as required.



**Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)**

- FLETC Glynco, GA will be relocating all students to their Douglas, GA evacuation site at South Georgia Community College by 9 Sep.
- FLETC Charleston, SC will be relocating all students to their evacuation site at Fort Gordon, GA Army Base by 9 Sep.